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Broadcast campaign in January

Radio and TV ads promoting GED will begin airing January 2 on stations across the Commonwealth. The ads will feature KYAE's toll-free number, (800) 928-7323, and callers will be transferred to local programs or given local contact information. Due to the heavy volume of calls expected during the campaign, KYAE is asking providers to avoid using the toll-free number during January. Please use (502) 573-5114.

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Literacy survey to be released

The National Assessment of Adult Literacy report will be released on December 15. A Webcast is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. at www.nifl.gov. KYAE-CPE will release the Kentucky statewide report mid-morning on December 15; details will follow later this week. The Kentucky comprehensive report, including a breakdown of county figures, is expected in spring 2006.

Eligibility policy clarification

KYAE has clarified its policy regarding eligibility for services. The first sentence on page 8 of the KYAE Policy and Procedure Manual has been changed to reflect the requirement for students to live or work in Kentucky.

Council budget proposal approved

At its November 7 meeting, the Council on Postsecondary Education approved the 2006-08 budget proposal for postsecondary and adult education. An adult education funding increase of $4 million in FY07 and $6 million in FY08 is one of the Council's top budget priorities. This proposal represents a 27 percent increase in adult education funding.

At a presentation before the Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education of the Interim Joint Committee on Education, Council President Tom Layzell told legislators that adult education funding is well below the national average in terms of funding per student. He also pointed out that if Kentucky is to continue making progress in adult education, increased funding is essential.

Presentation posted

The presentation used by Lee Nimocks, Council on Postsecondary Education assistant vice president, at the three November provider meetings is available on KYAE's Web site. The presentation outlines the structure of the Council, the Council's 2005-2010 Public Agenda and legislative priorities, and tips on developing good relationships with policy leaders.

PDtrack training

PDtrack, KYAE's new online system for planning and tracking professional development, is operational at https://pdtrack.kyvae.org/. KYAE is currently training adult educators and staff throughout the state to use PDtrack. If your county program has not been trained, KYAE can facilitate an on-site training

session. If you are interested in arranging on-site training, contact Eric Morrow at Eric.Morrow@ky.gov or (502) 573-5114 x277.

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Upcoming PD opportunities for program directors

Several workshops specifically designed for new program directors, but open to all program directors, can be found in the PDtrack catalog. Search for them by using the specialty track and leadership filters. All details – description, objectives, time, and location – are available on PDtrack.

Upcoming sessions are as follows:

- January 20 – Marilyn Lyons, KYAE senior associate for program analysis, will lead "Data Analysis: Using AERIN to Understand Program Performance."
- January 20 – Sarah Hornback, Larue County program director, will lead "Supporting Professional Development," which will explain how to make professional development an on-the-job experience rather than an external workshop.
- March 3 – Dr. Jim Canipe, Morehead State University professor of adult education, will lead "Basics of Program Planning, Continuous Improvement and Evaluation."
- April 7 – Connie Spencer-Ackerman, Adult Education Academy director, will lead "Working Effectively and Efficiently," which will cover ways to maximize your time on the job.
- April 7 – Connie and Terry Tolan, Kentucky United Way, will present "Seeking Alternative Funding," which will describe how to write effective proposals for additional funding.
- June 2 – "Planning for Transitions to Postsecondary Education" will be facilitated by Shauna King-Sims, KCTCS, and Amy McLoney, Kentucky Higher Education Authority.
- June 2 – "Leading Your Instructional Staff," presented by Connie Spencer-Ackerman, will focus on building and supervising an effective team with a focus on instruction.

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Funding available

The U.S. Department of Labor is soliciting proposals for selected demonstration projects for high-risk youth and adults. Information is available at the department's [Web site](#).

Bluegrass Works Summit

The "Bluegrass Works Summit: Investing in Human Capital" on January 25 will bring together employers, educators and employment specialists to discuss workforce training, education and resources. Representatives of KYAE and Amazon.com will discuss their unique partnership to increase GED attainment in 28 Kentucky counties. Other topics include workforce needs, employee assistance programs and workforce integration of people with disabilities. Dennis Donovan, executive vice president of human resources for Home Depot, is the keynote speaker.

Information and registration are available at www.BluegrassWorks.net or (859) 514-9183. The cost is $40.

McCreary County scholarship established

A scholarship for McCreary County high school and GED graduates who attend Somerset Community College (SCC) has been established with a $25,000 donation from two McCreary County women, Juanita Cooper Richie and Ruth Richie Belich. Dr. Jo Marshall, SCC president, said "We pride ourselves on being able to work with students from a variety of academic backgrounds, and the Richie/Cooper Scholarship will help us encourage McCreary County residents to attend SCC."

Transitions information

Shauna King-Simms of KCTCS passed along the following transition resources. Access the information by clicking on the underlined title.

A Shared Purpose - Adult and Developmental Education Programs at Community Colleges by Dr. Hunter R. Boylan

The Council for the Advancement of Adult Literacy Community College (CAAL) Project examines the role and potential of adult basic education in community colleges.

[Transition to Postsecondary Education](), Office of Vocational and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education

[The Adult Transition Student]() lists research reports that discuss some of the unique characteristics and challenges of adult learners in postsecondary education.

[Focus on Basics - Approaches to ABE Transition to Postsecondary Education]() by Judith A. Alamprese

[American Youth Policy Forum]() – Increasing Transitions from Adult to Postsecondary Education

[Research Plan: Adult Basic Education - Community College Transitions Project]() Office of Vocational and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education

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News to Use index
Remember seeing something in *News to Use* but can't remember when? Want to read the latest information available on the budget, assessment policy, professional development or many other topics? Check out the *News to Use* index that provides a cross-referenced topical list of newsletter stories from April 2004-present. The index is available on KYAE's [Announcements/News Web page](). Look for the index link on the far right side.

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Valuable links
A new Southern LINCS Web page with resources for instructors, students and employers is available at [Learning Disabilities and Work Issues]().

The National Institute for Literacy has created several valuable fact sheets on various adult education and literacy topics, including corrections, family literacy, health literacy, reading, workforce education, ESL, workforce education, parental involvement in learning and welfare and literacy. They are available at [fact sheets]().

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